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Applicant : PETE HESSER
Serial Number : 09/729,556
Filed : 12/4/2000
For : TRASH CAN AND CLOSURE SYSTEM
Art Unit : 3727
Examiner : NEWHOUSE, NATHAN J.
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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment in regard to the above-captioned application dated November 18, 2003.

REMARKS

Applicant requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. The Notice of Abandonment states that "The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because . . . the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136 has expired (and that the Office has received) no reply to the notice of non-compliance (paper #9) re appeal brief filed 1/8/03." Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and since applicant's

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attorney had not receive a copy of paper #9, applicant's attorney contacted the Patent Office requesting a copy which was provided to him on December 17, 2003. An examination of paper #9 reveals that it was mailed improperly directly to applicant Pete Hesser on 4/2/2003. Applicant submits the following time line of events in the appeal for this application:

10/30/2002	Appeal Noted
12/30/2002	Applicant's Appeal Brief Mailed to PTO
2/4/2003	Applicant's Attorney Michael J. Colitz, Jr. suspended from Practice Before the PTO
3/10/2003	Revocation/Appointment of Power of Attorney to Edward P. Dutkiewicz mailed to PTO
3/12/2003	Date that OIPE stamped the postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of Power of Attorney to Edward P. Dutkiewicz
4/2/2003	Notification of Non-Compliance with the Requirements of 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed improperly by the PTO to applicant;
4/9/2003	Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney mailed by PTO to Edward P. Dutkiewicz and applicant;
11/18/2003	Notice of Dismissal of Appeal and Abandonment of Application mailed to Edward P. Dutkiewicz;
12/17/2003	Change of Attorney's Address in Application faxed to PTO (note that prior P.O. Box 511, Largo, Florida 33779, remains an active mailing address for Edward P. Dutkiewicz);
12/17/2003	Edward P. Dutkiewicz provided with copy of paper #9 by facsimile from Trudy Mitchell, Customer Service Center.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that:

- 1) The dismissal of the appeal be withdrawn;
- 2) The abandonment of this application be withdrawn; and
- 3) The date of issuance of the Notice of Non-Compliance be resent to applicant's attorney so that he can properly respond in timely.

If direct contact with Applicant's attorney would expedite the withdrawal of the dismissal of the appeal and abandonment of the application, authorization is given to call the undersigned collect at 727-586-2570.

Respectfully submitted,



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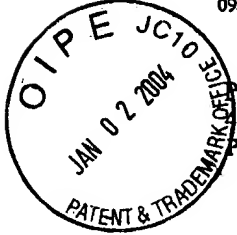
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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR

1.192(c)

The brief does not contain a statement of the status of an amendment filed subsequent to the final rejection as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(4). The section "status of amendments" is not needed. ONLY amendments after final and their status are necessary. There have been no amendments after final in this application.

The brief includes a statement that claims 1 and 2 do not stand or fall together, but fails to present reasons in support thereof as required under 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7).
MPEP § 1206.

The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6) because there is no mention of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant states in the "Status of Amendments" section that this rejection is not understood. This is not sufficient and arguments concerning this rejection still should be made. The brief does not contain, for each rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, (second paragraph), an argument which specifies the errors in the rejection and how the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. (It is to be noted that applicant correctly amended the language in claim 1 concerning this type of language in other locations, but did not do so at line 50 of claim 1.) The brief does not contain arguments of the appellant with respect to each of the issues presented for review in 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6), and the basis therefor, with citations of the authorities,

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statutes, and parts of the record relied on as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(8) as appellant did not include the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as an issue.

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Telephone inquiries regarding the status of applications or other general questions, by persons entitled to the information, "should be directed to the group clerical personnel and not to the examiners. In as much as the official records and applications are located in the clerical section of the examining groups, the clerical personnel can readily provide status information without contacting the examiners", M.P.E.P. 203.08. The Group clerical receptionist number is (703) 308-1148.

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Any inquiry concerning the merits of the examination of the application from the examiner should be directed to Nathan J. Newhouse whose telephone number is (703)-308-4158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee W. Young can be reached on (703)-308-2572. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)-872-9302 for regular communications and (703)-872-9303 for After Final communications.

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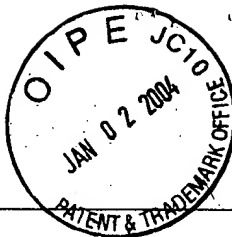
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

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